Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know when Sir Shanmukham Chetty began staying in the Diwan's House?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* When he became the Diwan of Cochin *(Laughter)*.

DIWAN'S DIARIES—SUBMISSION TO H. H. THE MAHARAJA

119. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the Diwans of the State from Sir Albian Banerjee onwards were keeping diaries and forwarding them to the reigning Maharajas?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether any of the former Diwans were submitting their diaries to His Highness the Maharaja?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I can just point out that the provisions regarding the submission of diaries of the officers of the State are contained in the Standing Orders of the Government wherein there is no mention made about the submission of the diaries by the Diwans. I presume that the Diwans have not been submitting diaries.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* As a matter of fact apart from any provisions in the Standing Orders, may I know whether anyone of the previous Diwans were submitting their diaries to the Maharaja?

Mr. President: It has been answered as "no."

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* In the question it has been put "Diwans of the State from Sir Albion Banerji onwards." My present question is whether any of the Diwans were submitting their diaries to His Highness?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The answer given is "no."

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Probably you may be answering in such a way as to avoid answering in a direct fashion. Therefore I put this definite question, "whether any Diwans have submitted diaries"?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is definite answer there. There is nothing ambiguous in it or vague in it *(Laughter)*.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South):* It may be interpreted in the way that all the Diwans were not sending. I ask whether any Diwan has been sending?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is definitely stated " no ".

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* I want to make it clear whether any Diwan before Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty has been sending his diary to His Highness ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is definitely stated " no " in the answer.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Why do you say "it is stated". If you are definite, say 'no' so that the answer may be very clear.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* I want to know definitely whether any Diwan before Sir Shanmukham Chetty has been submitting diaries to His Highness. I will not be satisfied with this vague answer.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No. *(Laughter).*

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* That is all what we want.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Was a diary kept by any Diwan from Sir Albion Banerji downwards of their activities ?

Mr. P.V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice. I can say this much. Whenever they went out on official business they used to submit detailed notes as to what they did to His Highness the Maharaja. But there is no such regular diary kept as in the case of Heads of Departments.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the Diwans of the State were sending in any report or anything like that occasionally to His Highness the Maharaja, so that He may watch the movements of the Diwan ?

Mr. President : The diary is a day's work.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* If there is anything of importance which is to be taken to the notice of His Highness they always used to do it. Is there anything to be questioned about it ?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the present officer who is in charge of the duties of the Diwan is keeping a diary ? *(Laughter)*

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* He is keeping diary for some other purpose.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the Diwan of the State has to get permission when he goes outside the State from His Highness the Maharaja?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, does it arise out of this?

HARBOUR RAILWAY—FINANCIAL ASPECT, ETC., OF

120. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the financial aspect of the Harbour Railway;

(*b*) are Government aware that the passage from the ferry landing place to the railway station is exposed and passengers put to inconvenience owing to the inclemency of the weather, to sun, heat and rain?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The question is vague and cannot therefore be answered.

(*b*) Government are aware that passengers are put to some inconvenience.

ENCROACHMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SAMBAVAS

121. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any proceedings were taken by the Revenue Department in respect of some lands, hitherto poramboke, occupied by some Parayas (Sambavas) in Mannampettah, Amballur village, Mukundapuram Taluk;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, to what effect was the proceedings;

(*c*) whether the lands were not assigned to these Sambavas;

(*d*) how long were they occupying these lands;

(*e*) whether any amount by way of encroachment fees, etc., has been levied and collected from these Sambavas in past years;

(*f*) whether any amount is due to Government from these Sambavas by way of land tax or fine?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes.

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